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In the Matter of:

BATE, STEVEN MICHAEL (Arizona License No. 946595) (National Producer No. 1627816)

Respondent.

No. 11A-147-INS

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

Hearing: May 9, 2012, 1:00 p.m.

(ALJ Lewis Kowal)

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On March 7, 2012, the Arizona Department of Insurance ("Department") issued a Notice of Hearing ("Notice") in the above-captioned matter. A copy of the Notice is attached and incorporated by this reference. The Notice required Respondent Steven Michael Bate ("Bate" or "Respondent") to provide a written answer to the allegations set forth in the Notice within twenty (20) days of the issuance. The twenty (20) day deadline for the filing of Respondent's answer to the Notice elapsed on March 27, 2012. As of this date, Respondent has failed to file an answer to the Notice.

On or about April 3, 2012, counsel for the Department filed a Request for Default. As of this date, Bate has not responded to the Department's request. Pursuant to A.A.C. R20-6-106(D), a party that fails to file an answer within the time provided shall be deemed to be in default and one or more of the allegations in the Notice of Hearing may be deemed to be admitted.

**FINDINGS OF FACT** 

- 1. Notice was proper.
- 2. Respondent is in default.
- 3. The allegations in the Notice are deemed admitted.

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1 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW 2 1. The conduct alleged in the Notice constitutes grounds for the Director to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew Respondent's license to transact insurance in 3 4 Arizona, pursuant to A.R.S. §20-295(A). 5 ORDER Respondent's non-resident Arizona insurance producer license is 6 1. 7 revoked, effective upon the issuance of this Order. 8 2. The hearing set for May 9, 2012, at 1:00 p.m. before Administrative Law 9 Judge Lewis Kowal shall be vacated. DATED this 2012. 10 11 12 CHRISTINA URIAS, Director Arizona Department of Insurance 13 14 15 COPY of the foregoing mailed this 12th day of April, 2012 to: 16 Lewis Kowal, Administrative Law Judge 17 Office of Administrative Hearings 18 1400 West Washington, Suite 101 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 19 Alyse C. Meislik 20 **Assistant Attorney General** 1275 West Washington, Suite 101 21 Phoenix. Arizona 85007 22 Mary Kosinski, Executive Assistant for Regulatory Affairs 23 Steven Fromholtz, Licensing Director Arizona Department of Insurance 24 2910 North 44th Street, Suite 210 25 Phoenix, Arizona 85018

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